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TAGS: OEXC, NI (OSAHON, NAIWU)

SUBJ: VOLUNTARY VISITOR

1. MR. NAIWU OSAHON, LAGOS ARTIST/WRITER, REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR U.S. VISIT FOR FOUR WEEKS BEGINNING ON/ABOUT JULY 5. OSAHON EARLIER THIS YEAR SET UP "VOODOO CULTURAL CENTER" IN LAGOS WHICH FEATURES JAZZ MUSIC, BOOKSHOPS AND RESTAURANT. OSAHON CONSIDERS VODOO CENTER A "WORKSHOP" TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG WRITERS AND ARTISTS: THERE ARTISTS PAINT AND BUDDING POETS READ THEIR WORKS. OSAHON ALSO OPERATES NIGRO(SIC) PRESS, WHICH PUBLISHES PAMPHLETS, PAPERBACKS. VISITOR HIMSELF AUTHOR OF FIVE BOOKS. ALTHOUGH NOT FROM AMONG OUR PRIMARY AUDIENCE, VISITOR DOES HAVE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY IF HIS CULTURAL CENTER BECOMES THE MEETING PLACE HE HOPES IT TO BE. HE MAY ALSO START A MAGAZINE LATER THIS YEAR.

2. IN U.S. HE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING SEMINARS OR WORKSHOPS ON ART AND WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NIGERIA, PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING FESTAC. VISITOR WANTS TO MEET AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS, WRITERS, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS, STUDENTS, ETC. AS WELL AS MEET HIGH LEVEL BLACK PERSONALITIES. WE WOULD THINK IT APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO VISIT CULTURAL CENTERS SUCH AS ARTHUR HALL'S ILE IFE CENTER IN PHILADELPHIA OR DIMENSION DANCE THEATRE IN OAKLAND. VISITOR ALREADY AHAS INITIATED PRIVATE CONTACTS TO MEET WITH SOME BLACK OFFICIALS, AND WE WILL SUGGEST THAT HE PURSUE THESE ON HIS OWN. THUS WE DO NOT EXPECT DEPT. TO PEG THIS VISIT AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL, BUT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MAKE CONTACT

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WITH TYPES OF GROUPS CITED ABOVE. THIS EXPOSURE MIGHT CORRECT

SOME FALSE IMPRESSION HE HAS ABOUT THE U.S. AT PRESENT.

3. POST WILL STRESS TO VISITOR NEED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AND THAT PUBLIC APPEARANCES MAY NOT BRING RESUNERATION.

4. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NEME : MR. NAIWU OSAHON

PRESNET POSITON : DIRECTOR VOODOOO CULTURAL CENTER LAGOS:

MARKETING EXCUTIVE -.J. SEWARD
(ADVERTISING)

PAST POSITIONS : NOT KNOWN

DATE& PLACE OF BIRTH : [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 29 AUG 2013] BENIN, MIDWESTERN
STATE

ACADEMIC TRAINING : M.SC. MARKETING -SALFORD UNIVERSITY

DIP. IND. ADMIN - LIVERPOOL, GRAD.

I.P.M.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S. : NIL

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: BRITAIN 1960-69

SCANDINAVIA, GERMANY, HOLLAND, 1965.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGAINZATIONS: BIRTH INSITUTE

OF MANAGEMENT; BRITISH INSITUTE OF

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT; INSTITUTE OF

MARKETING; NIGERIA, INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT.

PUBLICATIONS : THE CLIMATE OF DARKNESS"

"SEX IS A NIGERI"

"FIRES OF AFRICA"

" NO ANSWER FROM THE ORACLE"

" WE NEED A DREAM"

MARITAL STATUS " : SINGLE CHILDREN 1-8 YRS

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: EXCELLENT

KNOWLEGED OF OTHER LANGUAGES : LWW FRENCH

CULTURAL INTEREST : VARIED - GENERALLY WRITES AND PRINTS

PROFESSIONAL/BUINESS INTERESTS: ART, WRITING, MODERN DANCE.

EMERGENCY NAME & ADDRESS : MISS IRENE KIRBY

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